

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: **APPARATUS FOR, AND METHOD OF, VARYING THE RATE OF FLOW OF
FLUID ALONG A PATHWAY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to action in, and calculation of fees for, the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or claim ~~14~~ 14".

Claim 6, line 1, change "claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "on ~~the~~ the".

Claim 11, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 10" to --claim 7--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 12" to --claim 7--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 13" to --claim 7--.

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 14" to --claim 7--.